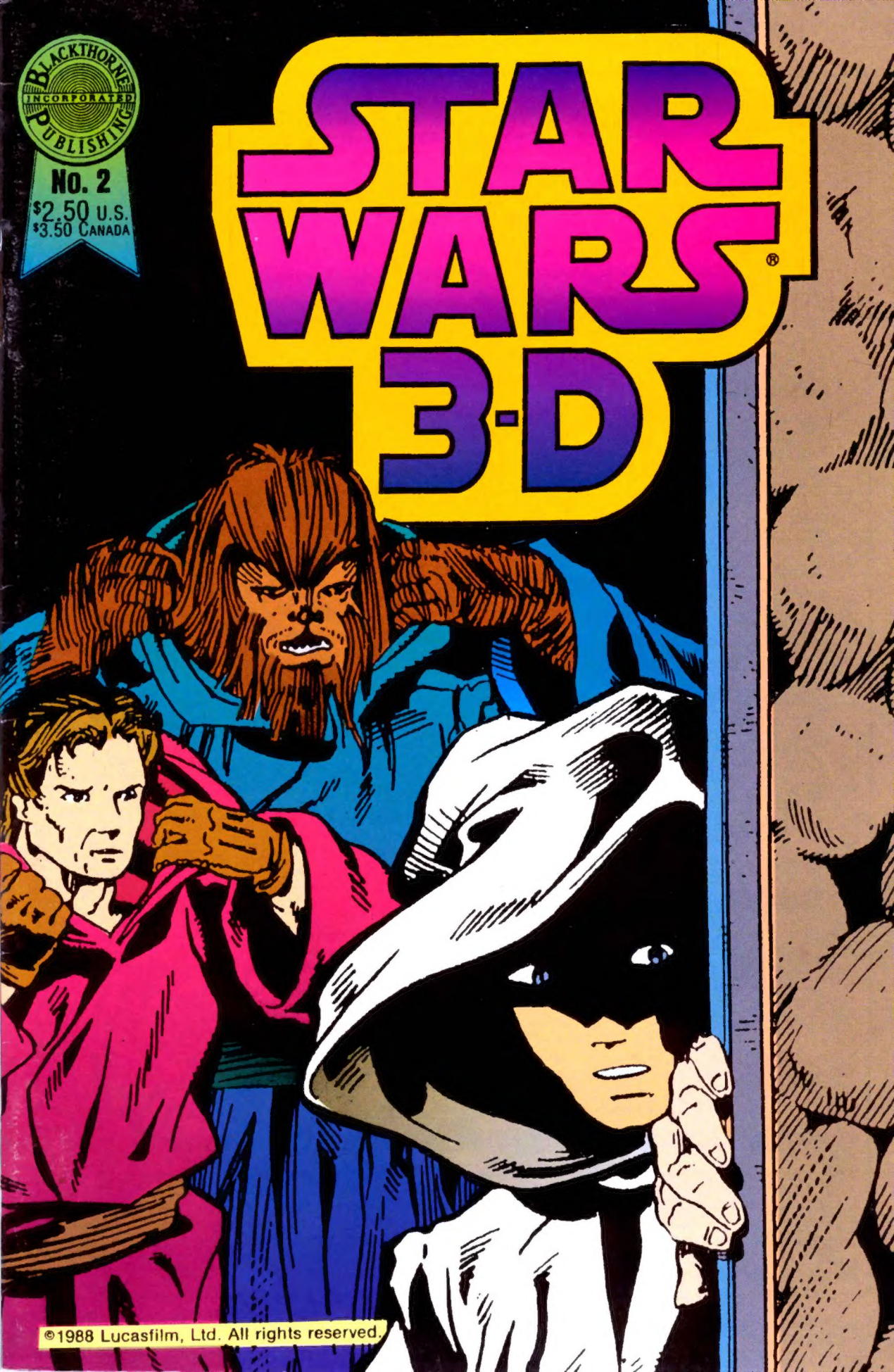
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A LONG TIME AGO IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY...
AS THE FUGITIVE FREIGHTER MILLENNIUM FALCON SLIPS SWIFTLY THROUGH THE CELESTIAL SHADOWS...
YOU JUST BARELY MISSED THAT METEOR STORM BACK THERE, HAN!
YOU DON'T LIKE THE WAY I'M FLYIN', KID -- YOU TAKE THE HELM!

HAVOC ON HOTH!

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GRONK!
YOU KNOW WE WOULDN'T EVEN BE OUT HERE IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU!
SO YOU KEEP REMINDING ME!

WELL, I'VE ALREADY APOLOGIZED FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED TO US BACK ON TATOOINE--*
--BUT I WON'T APOLOGIZE FOR GOING THERE!
*LAST ISSUE.--John.

I WANTED TO BE SURE MY AUNT AND UNCLE'S MOISTURE FARM WAS LEFT IN GOOD HANDS--!
LIKE IT OR NOT, HAN--IT WAS A CHAPTER OF MY LIFE THAT HAD TO BE CLOSED!

WELL, IT ALMOST CLOSED THE BOOK ON ALL OF US!
JUST REMEMBER YOU AND CHEWIE VOLUNTEERED TO COME WITH ME!
YOU COULD HAVE STAYED SAFELY BEHIND ON YAVIN BASE!

SPEAKING OF WHICH--WHY ARE WE TAKING SUCH A ROUNDABOUT ROUTE TO GET THERE?
SAFEST WAY TO TRAVEL, LUKE.

THE FALCON IS BOUND TO BE RECOGNIZED ON ANY OF THE REGULAR SPACE-LANES--
--AND I'M IN NO MOOD RIGHT NOW FOR ANOTHER FIREFIGHT!

BESIDES, THE PROBLEM JUST BECAME MOOT! THERE'S YAVIN-- DEAD AHEAD!
BETTER GET ON THE COMLINK TO HER FOURTH MOON, KID-- AND LET 'EM KNOW WE'RE COMIN'!

THIS IS THE MILLENNIUM FALCON--CALLING YAVIN BASE!
DO YOU COPY, YAVIN BASE?
COME IN, YAVIN BASE!

HAN, I'M GETTING NO RESPONSE!
THEY DON'T ANSWER!

YOU SURE YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT FREQUENCY?
I'M NOT AN IDIOT, HAN!
THEN SOMETHING'S GOTTA BE WRONG!
MASTER LUKE, IT'S--IT'S--

NOT NOW, WE'RE BUSY!
BUT-- BUT--

OH, DEAR--!
BETTER ACTIVATE THE DEFLECTOR SHIELDS, CHEWIE!
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE MAY BE FLYIN'--

--into--?
I TRIED TO WARN YOU, CAPTAIN SOLO--!
NEXT TIME, THREEPIO, MAKE SURE WE LISTEN TO YOU--!

ASSUMING, OF COURSE, THERE *IS* A NEXT TIME!
GUESS *THIS* EXPLAINS WHY YAVIN BASE DIDN'T *ANSWER*, KID!
THOSE ARE *IMPERIAL STAR DESTROYERS* OUT THERE--!

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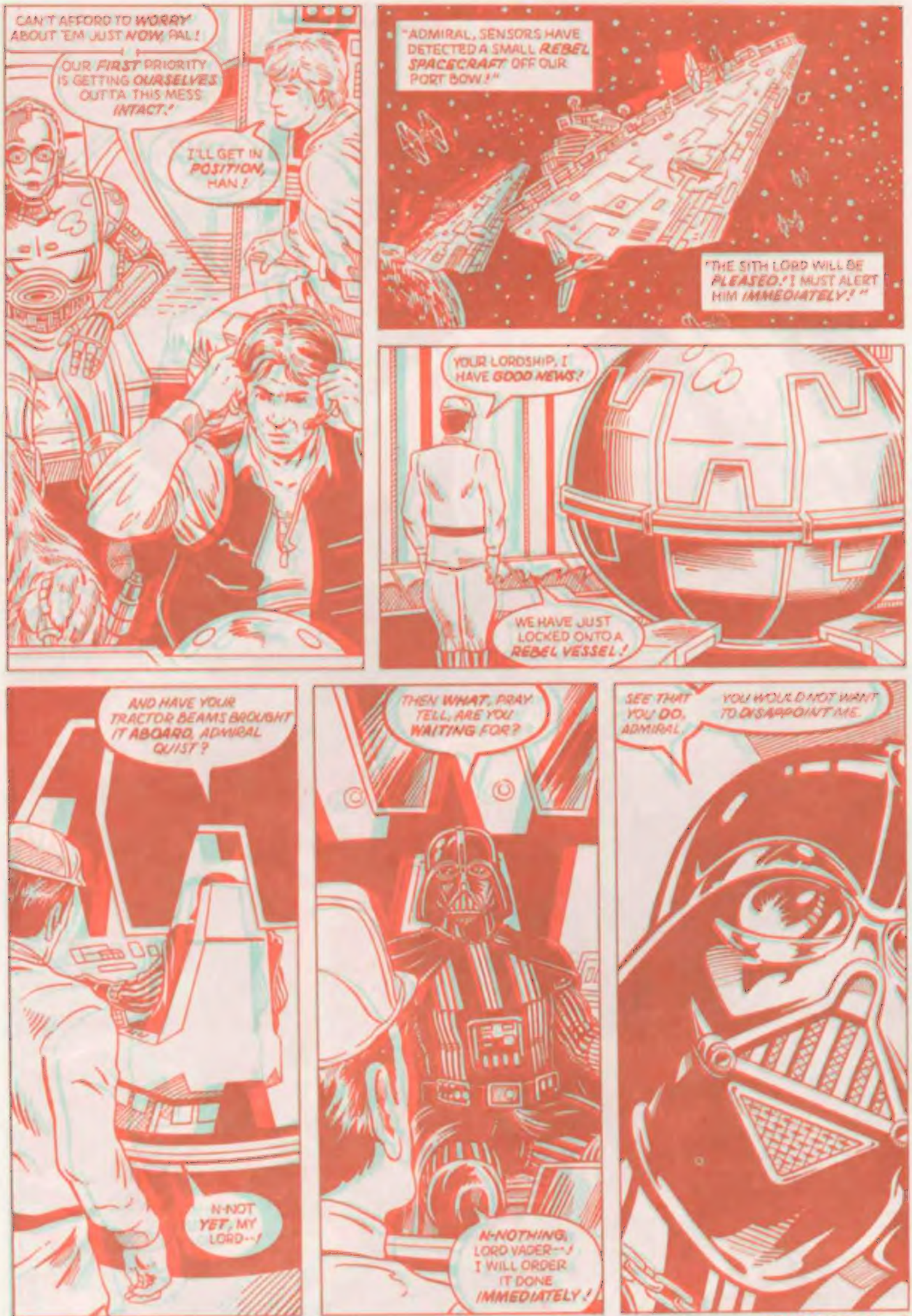
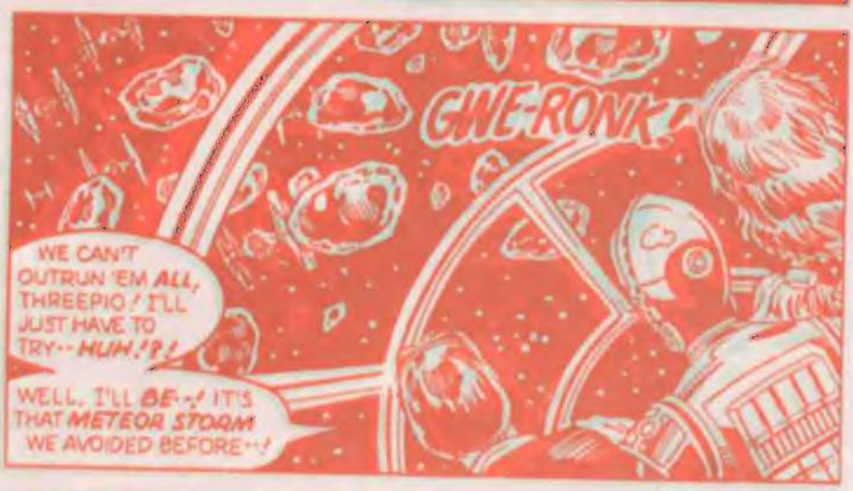
B-BUT, MASTER LUKE--IF THE EMPIRE HAS REACHED YAVIN BASE--
--WHAT HAS BECOME OF PRINCESS LEIA AND THE OTHERS?


CAN'T AFFORD TO WORRY ABOUT 'EM JUST NOW, PAL!
OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS GETTING OURSELVES OUTTA THIS MESS INTACT.!
I'LL GET IN POSITION, HAN!
"ADMIRAL, SENSORS HAVE DETECTED A SMALL REBEL SPACECRAFT OFF OUR PORT BOW!"
"THE SITH LORD WILL BE PLEASED.! I MUST ALERT HIM IMMEDIATELY!"
YOUR LORDSHIP, I HAVE GOOD NEWS.!
WE HAVE JUST LOCKED ONTO A REBEL VESSEL!
AND HAVE YOUR TRACTOR BEAMS BROUGHT IT ABOARD, ADMIRAL QUIST?
N-NOT YET, MY LORD--!
THEN WHAT, PRAY TELL, ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
N-NOTHING, LORD VADER--! I WILL ORDER IT DONE IMMEDIATELY!
SEE THAT YOU DO, ADMIRAL
YOU WOULD NOT WANT TO DISAPPOINT ME.

LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE SPOTTED US, HAN--!
THERE'S A CLUSTER OF TIE FIGHTERS HEADING OUR WAY!
I SEE 'EM, KID--!

QUESTION IS-- WHAT TO DO ABOUT 'EM?
WE CAN'T TAKE ON THE WHOLE BLAMED IMPERIAL FLEET SINGLE-HANDED--!
THEN MIGHT I SUGGEST FLEEING FOR OUR LIVES, SIR?


GWE-RONK!
WE CAN'T OUTRUN 'EM ALL, THREEPIO! I'LL JUST HAVE TO TRY-- HUH!?!
WELL, I'LL BE--! IT'S THAT METEOR STORM WE AVOIDED BEFORE--!

YEAH, CHEWIE-- THAT'S JUST WHAT I WAS THINKING!
I MEAN, HEY-- YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE, RIGHT?

HAN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HAVE YOU COMPLETELY LOST YOUR MIND?!?
NOT COMPETELY, BUDOY-BOY--
--BUT I'M WORKIN' ON IT!

JUST TRUST ME, KID! I'M EITHER GONNA GET US OUT OF THIS MESS--
--OR DIE TRYING!
I APPRECIATE YOUR INTENTIONS, CAPTAIN SOLO--
--BUT MUST YOU TAKE US WITH YOU?

HEY, RUST-BUCKET--THIS LITTLE STUNT WORKED JUST FINE WHEN WE TRIED IT DURING THE KESSEL RUN!
OF COURSE, I DIDN'T HAVE HALF THE IMPERIAL FLEET ON MY TAIL AT THE TIME--!
GEE, HAN--THAT'S REASSURING!
SEE, KID--WHAT DID I TELL YA?
IT'S WORKIN' LIKE A CHARM!
THOSE TIE FIGHTERS ARE POPPIN' THEIR PANELS TRYIN' TO REACH US!
ADMIRAL, THE SHIP HASN'T BEEN BUILT THAT COULD SURVIVE THIS SORT OF PUNISHMENT!
THE REBEL VESSEL HAS SURELY BEEN DESTROYED BY NOW, SIR!
REQUEST PERMISSION TO ABANDON MISSION--!
PERMISSION GRANTED, CAPTAIN!
YOU MAY RETURN TO YOUR FORMATION!
YOU DID IT HAN--THEY'RE LEAVING!
NEVER DOUBTED IT FOR A SECOND, KID.
NOW WHAT SAY WE BRING THIS BABY HOME?

WELL, ADMIRAL QUIST-- HAS THE REBEL VESSEL BEEN SECURED?
WE DID OUR BEST, MY LORD, BUT I--
--I'M AFRAID THE VESSEL HAS BEEN DESTROYED!
I... SEE.
VERY WELL, ADMIRAL--THAT WILL BE ALL.
LORD VADER, I APOLOGIZE FOR--
--FOR--
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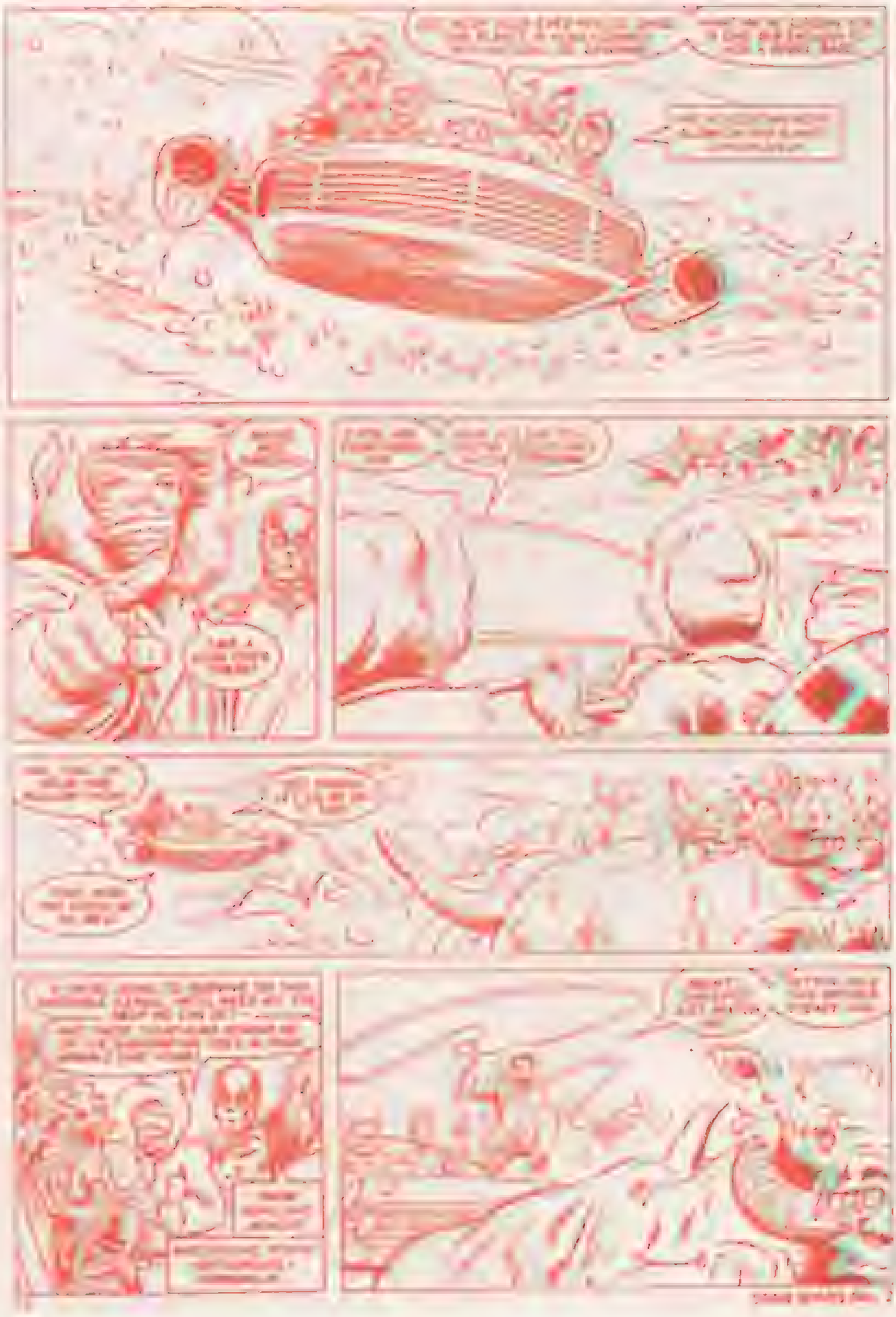
--I MEANT IT!
WHEN I SAID THAT WOULD BE ALL, ADMIRAL--
YOU HAVE ESCAPED ME FOR THE MOMENT, MY YOUNG FRIENDS--
--BUT OUR PATHS SHALL CROSS AGAIN!

THERE'S YAVIN
PLACE DOESN'T LOOK
--LOOKS CAN BE
GIVE LUCY A CHANCE!

THUS, AFTER A LIGHT-SPEED JUMP TO CERTAIN RENDEZVOUS
AND JUST WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED
WELCOME TO RENDEZVOUS GENTLEMEN! YOU HAD US
THIS WASN'T EXACTLY AN EASY PLACE FIND, YOUR HIGHNESS!
SEE EVERYTHING, OKAY, HIS HIGHNESS?
AS WELL AS CAN BE EXPECTED--CONSIDER-
THE IMPORTANT THING IS--ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
ASKING IF THE REST OF US ARE STILL IN ONE PIECE!
ONE MORE!!

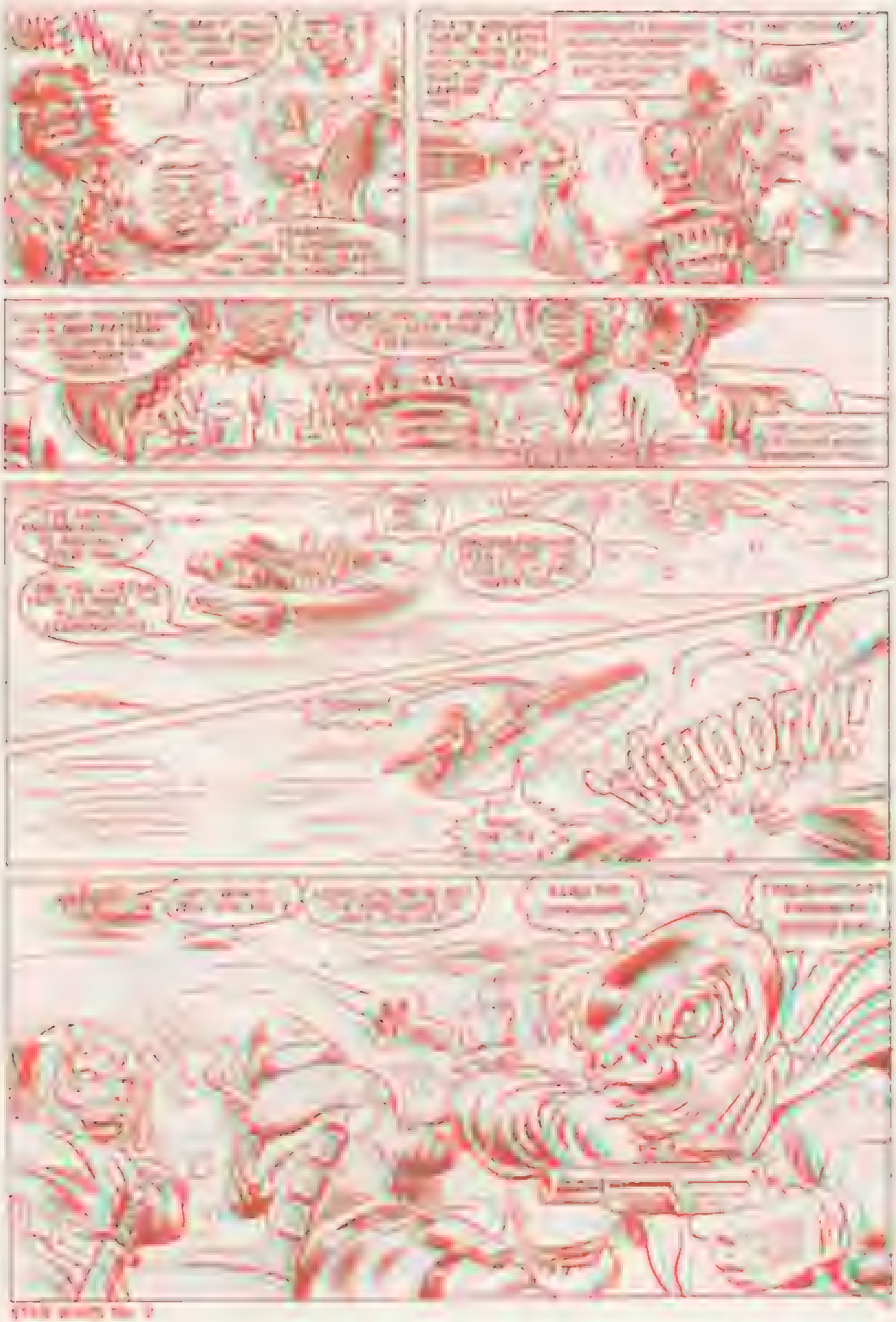
WELL, WITH YAVIN BASE
YOUR WISH IS MY
COMMAND, YOUR
HIGHNESS.

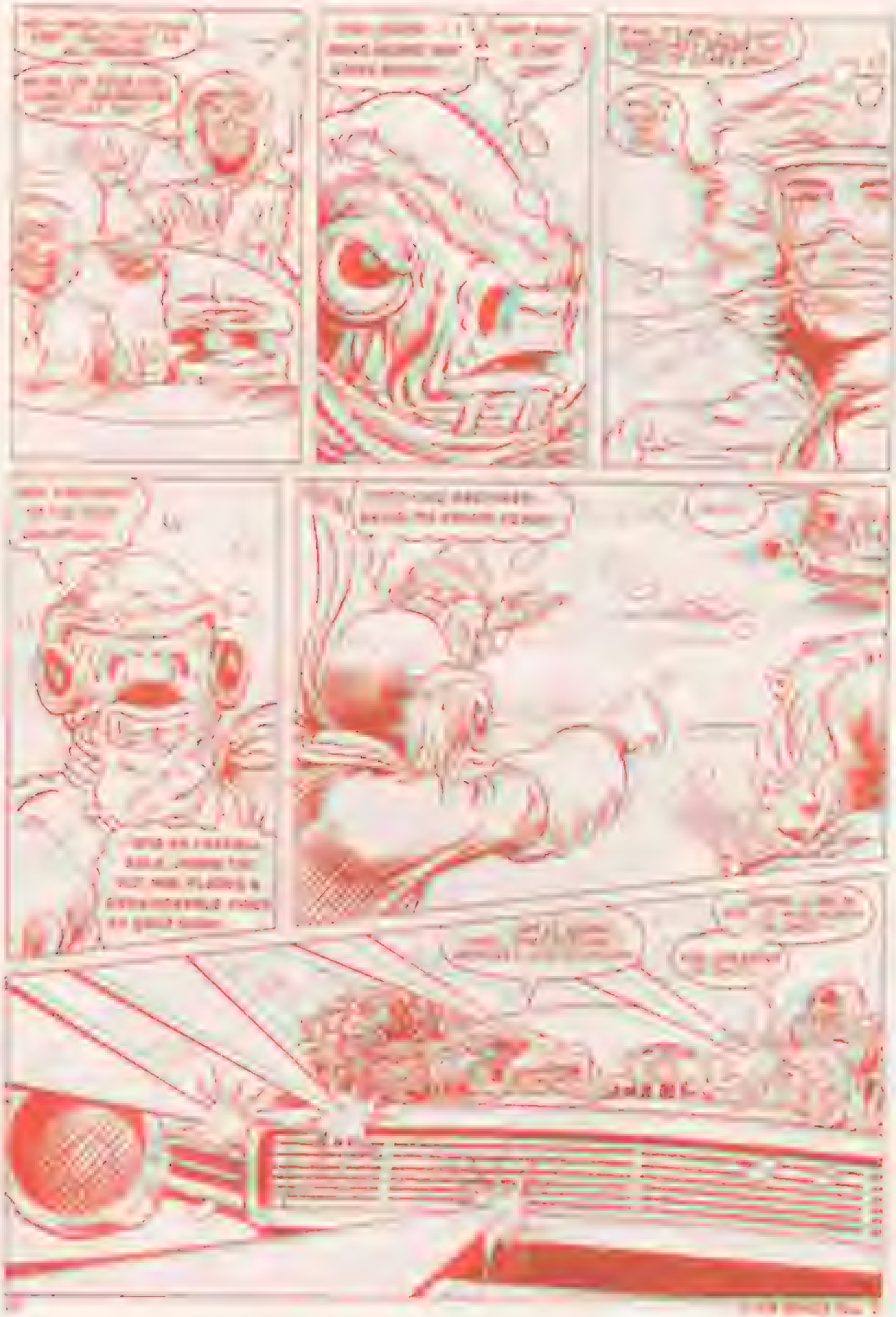
CHK-POW!

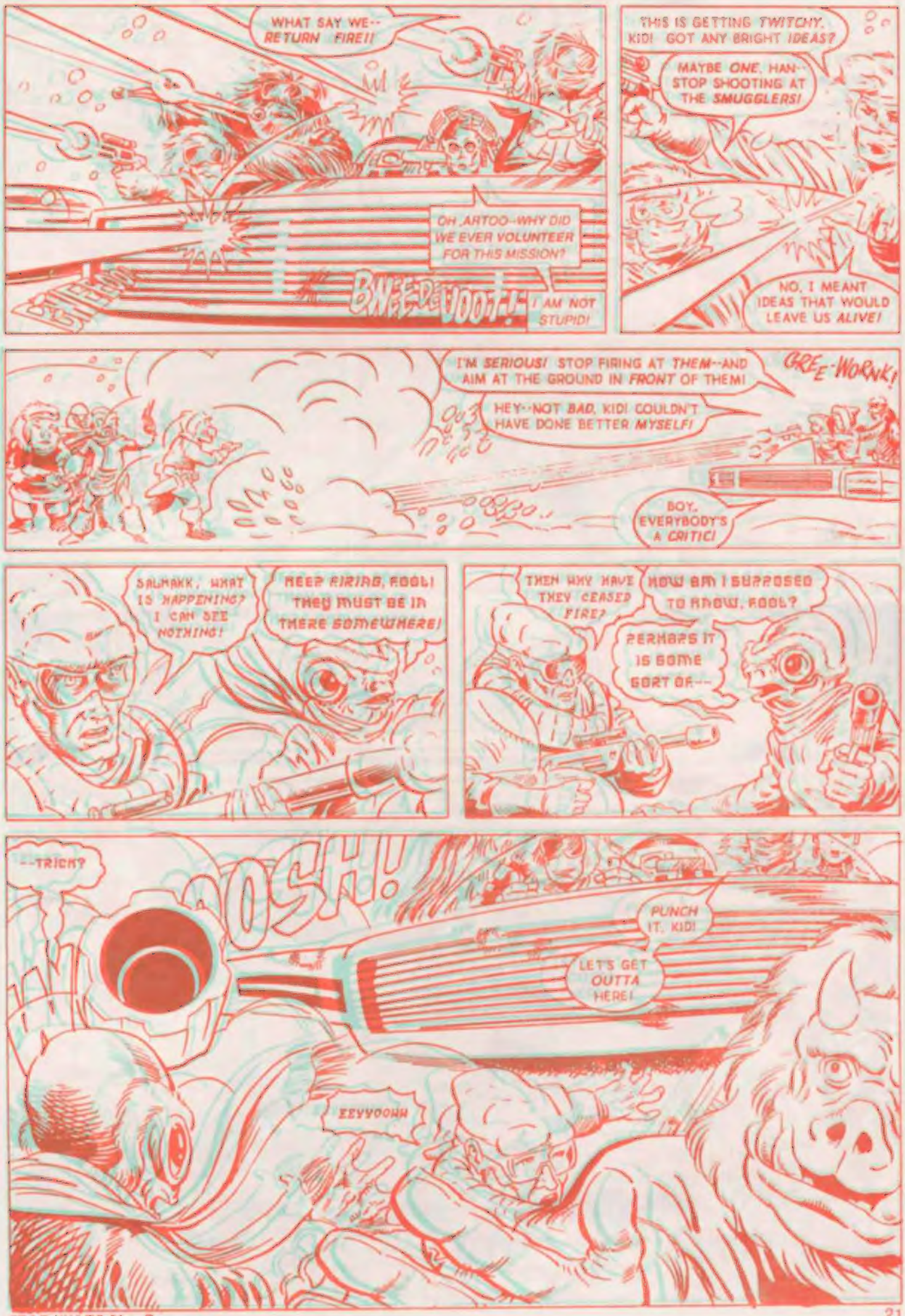


GROWRRGGHH!!

YOU'RE STILL DETERM— TO TAME THAT THING?!
THEN BE MY GUEST, PAL--IT'S YOUR NECK!






WHAT SAY WE-- RETURN FIRE!!
OH, ARTOO--WHY DID WE EVER VOLUNTEER FOR THIS MISSION?
BNEEP-VOOT-F!
I AM NOT STUPID!
THIS IS GETTING TWITCHY, KID! GOT ANY BRIGHT IDEAS?
MAYBE ONE, HAN-- STOP SHOOTING AT THE SMUGGLERS!
NO, I MEANT IDEAS THAT WOULD LEAVE US ALIVE!
I'M SERIOUS! STOP FIRING AT THEM--AND AIM AT THE GROUND IN FRONT OF THEM!
GREE-WORNK!
HEY--NOT BAD, KID! COULDN'T HAVE DONE BETTER MYSELF!
BOY, EVERYBODY'S A CRITIC!
SALMAKK, WHAT IS HAPPENING? I CAN SEE NOTHING!
KEEP FIRING, FOOL! THEY MUST BE IN THERE SOMEWHERE!
THEN WHY HAVE THEY CEASED FIRE?
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW, FOOL?
PERHAPS IT IS SOME SORT OF--
--TRICK?
OOSH!
PUNCH IT, KID!
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
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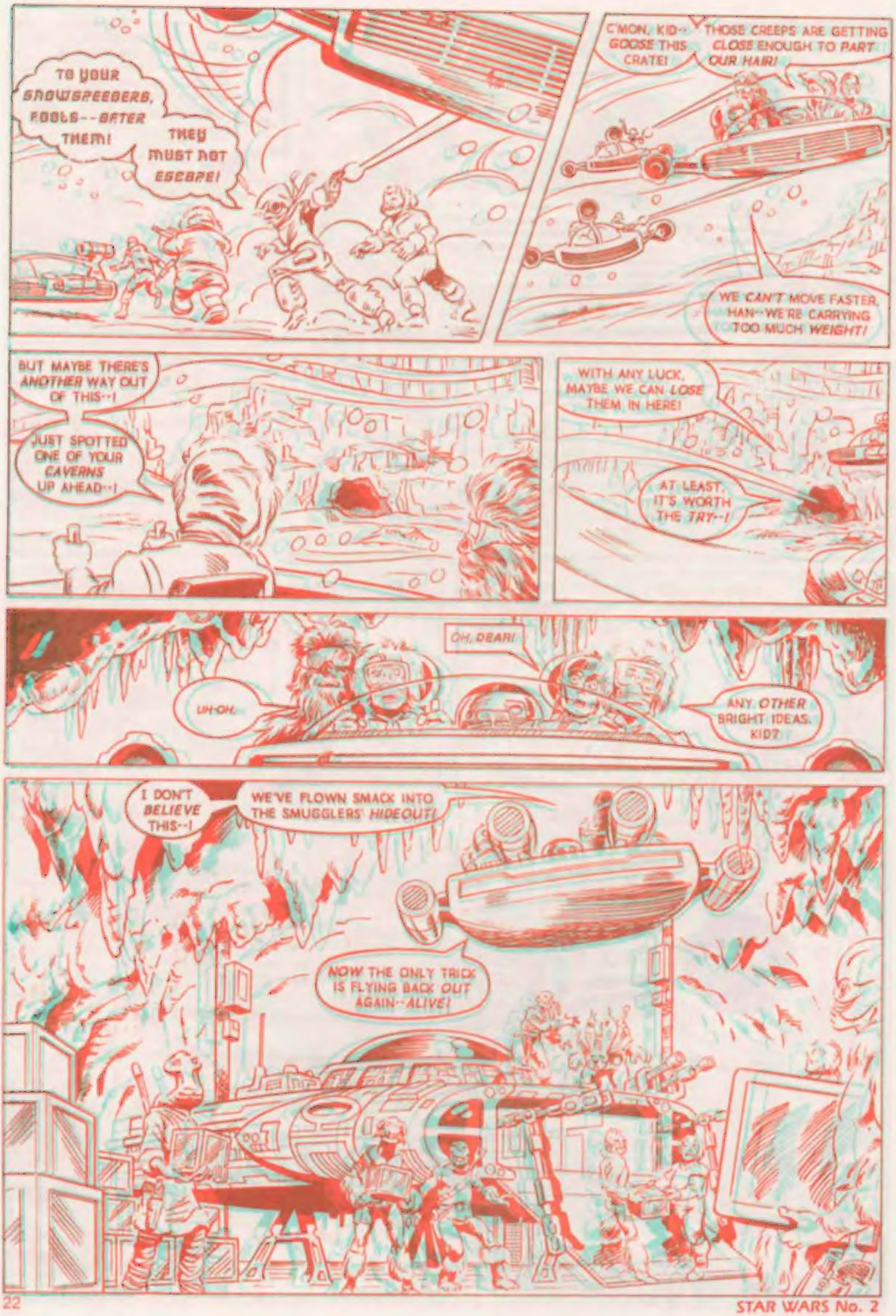
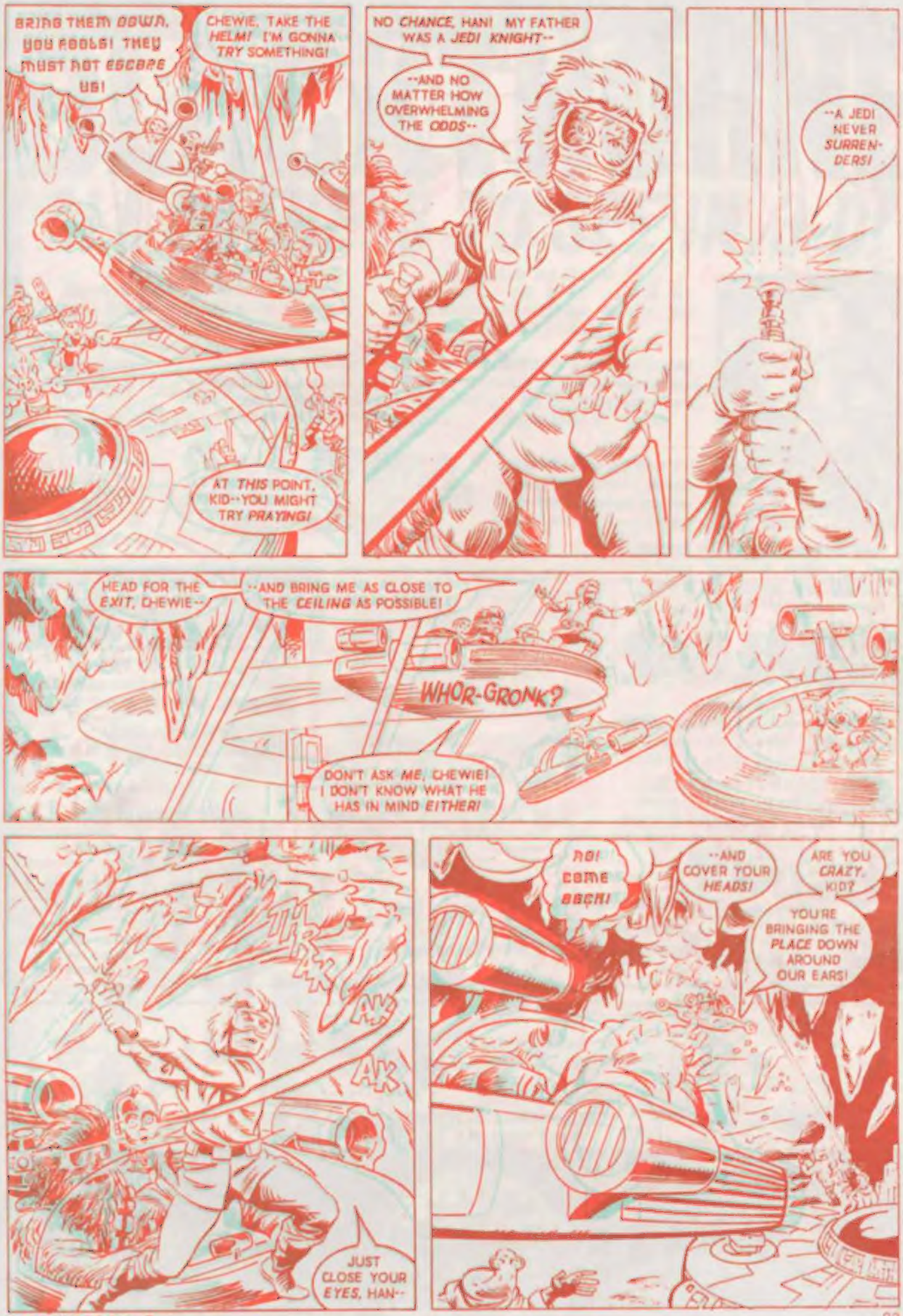

TO YOUR SNOWSPEEDERS, FOOLS--AFTER THEM!
THEY MUST NOT ESCAPE!
C'MON, KID--GOOSE THIS CRATE!
THOSE CREEPS ARE GETTING CLOSE ENOUGH TO PART OUR HAIR!
WE CAN'T MOVE FASTER, HAN--WE'RE CARRYING TOO MUCH WEIGHT!
BUT MAYBE THERE'S ANOTHER WAY OUT OF THIS--!
JUST SPOTTED ONE OF YOUR CAVERNS UP AHEAD--!
WITH ANY LUCK, MAYBE WE CAN LOSE THEM IN HERE!
AT LEAST, IT'S WORTH THE TRY--!
OH, DEAR!
UH-OH.
ANY OTHER BRIGHT IDEAS, KID?
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS--!
WE'VE FLOWN SMACK INTO THE SMUGGLERS' HIDEOUT!
NOW THE ONLY TRICK IS FLYING BACK OUT AGAIN--ALIVE!


BRING THEM DOWN, YOU FOOLS! THEY MUST NOT ESCAPE US!
CHEWIE, TAKE THE HELM! I'M GONNA TRY SOMETHING!
AT THIS POINT, KID--YOU MIGHT TRY PRAYING!
NO CHANCE, HAN! MY FATHER WAS A JEDI KNIGHT--
--AND NO MATTER HOW OVERWHELMING THE ODDS--
--A JEDI NEVER SURRENDERS!
HEAD FOR THE EXIT, CHEWIE--
--AND BRING ME AS CLOSE TO THE CEILING AS POSSIBLE!
WHOR-GRONK?
DON'T ASK ME, CHEWIE! I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE HAS IN MIND EITHER!
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AK
JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES, HAN--
NO! COME BACK!
--AND COVER YOUR HEADS!
ARE YOU CRAZY, KID? YOU'RE BRINGING THE PLACE DOWN AROUND OUR EARS!

KYA-BLOOM!
THAT ONLY MATTERS IF WE'RE STILL INSIDE WHEN THE CAVERN COLLAPSES, HAN--
--AND I'M BETTING WE WON'T BE!
GUESS SALMAKK AND HIS GOONS WON'T BE BOTHERING US ANYMORE!
OH, MY! THE CAVERN IS COMPLETELY SEALED!
JUST DO ME A FAVOR, KID--TRY NOT TO CUT IT SO CLOSE NEXT TIME!

HEY, I THOUGHT YOU LIKED LIVING ON THE EDGE, HAN!
LIVING ON IT, YES--NOT PLUNGING OVER IT!
GRON-NORK!
THANKS, CHEWBACCA--AT LEAST ONE OF YOU TRUSTS ME!

BWEET DO DEET!
FORGIVE THE INTRUSION, MASTER LUKE--BUT ARTOO MAKES AN IMPORTANT POINT!
AREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO BE SEARCHING FOR A POSSIBLE REBEL BASE?

HEY, WHEN THE DROID IS RIGHT, HE'S RIGHT!
BETTER GET MOVING, KID! WE'VE STILL GOT A LOT OF GROUND TO COVER!
DON'T WORRY, HAN--I KNOW WE'LL FIND WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR!

AFTER ALL, HOW COULD WE FAIL?
THE FORCE IS WITH US!
NEXT ISSUE:
KESSEL IS ANOTHER NAME FOR CHAOS!